# Exhibit A

**Proposed Order** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	) Re: Docket No. [•]
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
JOANN INC., et al., 1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
In re:	) Chapter 11

ORDER (I) CONDITIONALLY
APPROVING THE ADEQUACY OF THE DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT, (II) SCHEDULING A PLAN CONFIRMATION AND
FINAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT APPROVAL HEARING AND SETTING
DATES AND DEADLINES, (III) APPROVING THE SOLICITATION PACKAGE
AND NOTICE PROCEDURES, (IV) APPROVING THE FORM OF BALLOT AND
NOTICES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND (V) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for the entry of an order (this "Order"), (a) conditionally approving the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement, (b) scheduling a Plan Confirmation and final Disclosure Statement approval hearing, (c) establishing the Plan Objection Deadline and approving related procedures, (d) approving the Solicitation and Voting Procedures, (e) approving the form and manner of the Combined Hearing Notice, and (f) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and the United States District Court for the District of Delaware having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, which was referred to the Court under 28 U.S.C. § 157 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.

# I. Conditional Approval of the Disclosure Statement.

- 2. The Disclosure Statement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, is hereby approved on a conditional basis as providing Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan with adequate information to make an informed decision as to whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan in accordance with sections 105 and 1125(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3017.
- 3. The Disclosure Statement (including all applicable exhibits thereto) provides Holders of Claims or Interests, and other parties in interest with sufficient notice of the injunction, exculpation, and release provisions contained in <u>Article VIII</u> of the Plan, in satisfaction of the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3016(c).

# II. Approval of the Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

- 4. The Debtors are authorized to solicit, receive, and tabulate votes to accept the Plan in accordance with the Solicitation and Voting Procedures, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, which are hereby approved in their entirety.
- 5. Any party wishing to file a motion under Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a) to temporarily allow a Claim or Interest solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan shall have until ten (10) days from the later of (a) the distribution of the Combined Hearing Notice and (b) the filing of an objection to such Claim or Interest, to file such a motion. The Debtors and other parties in interest shall have until ten (10) days prior to the Voting Deadline as the deadline to file objections to any motion filed pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a).

# III. Approval of the Materials and Timeline for Soliciting Votes and the Procedures for Confirming the Plan.

- A. Approval of Certain Dates and Deadlines with Respect to the Plan and Disclosure Statement.
- 6. The following dates are hereby established (subject to modification as necessary) with respect to solicitation of votes on the Plan and Confirmation of the Plan (all times prevailing Eastern Time):

Event	Date
Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline	May 21, 2025
Voting Record Date	May 23, 2025
Hearing on Conditional Approval of the Disclosure Statement	May 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time
Publication Deadline	Within two (2) business days following entry of the Order (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter).
Solicitation Deadline	Within two (2) business day following entry of the Order (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter).
Plan Supplement Filing Deadline	June 20, 2025
Voting Deadline, Opt-In Deadline	June 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time
Plan Objection Deadline	June 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time

Event	Date
Voting Report Filing Deadline	July 7, 2025
Combined Hearing	July 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time

# B. Approval of the Form of and Distribution of the Solicitation Package to Parties Entitled to Vote on the Plan.

- 7. In addition to a copy of this Order, the Solicitation Package to be transmitted on or before the Solicitation Deadline to those Holders of Claims in the Voting Class entitled to vote on the Plan as of the Voting Record Date, shall include the following, the form of each of which is hereby approved:
  - a. a Ballot, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**;<sup>3</sup>
  - b. the Cover Letter, including instructions to obtain access, free of charge, to the Plan and Disclosure Statement and the Order (without exhibits, except the Solicitation and Voting Procedures), substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**; and
  - c. the Combined Hearing Notice substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.
- 8. The Solicitation Package provides the Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan with adequate information to make informed decisions with respect to voting on the Plan in accordance with Bankruptcy Rules 2002(b) and 3017(d), the Bankruptcy Code, and the Local Rules.
- 9. The Debtors shall distribute the Solicitation Package by email, where available, and otherwise by notice sent by first-class U.S. mail, to all Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan on or before the Solicitation Deadline. Such service shall satisfy the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules.

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The Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that any Holder of a Claim who has filed duplicate Claims against the Debtors (whether against the same or multiple Debtors) that are classified under the Plan in the Voting Class receives no more than one Solicitation Package (and, therefore, one Ballot) on account of such Claim and with respect to such Voting Class.

- 10. Upon request of a Holder of a Claim entitled to vote on the Plan, the Notice and Claims Agent shall provide a hard copy of the Solicitation Package within three (3) business days of receipt of such request, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter. On or before the Solicitation Deadline, the Debtors shall provide (a) the complete Solicitation Package (other than a Ballot) to the U.S. Trustee and (b) the Order and the Combined Hearing Notice to all parties on the 2002 List as of the Voting Record Date.
- 11. Any party that would prefer to receive materials in paper format may contact the Notice and Claims Agent and request paper copies of the materials (to be provided at the Debtors' expense).
- 12. The Notice and Claims Agent is authorized to assist the Debtors in (a) distributing the Solicitation Package, (b) receiving, tabulating, and reporting on Ballots cast to accept or reject the Plan by Holders of Claims and Interests against the Debtors, (c) responding to inquiries from Holders of Claims and Interests and other parties in interest relating to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Ballot, the Solicitation Package, and all other related documents and matters related thereto, including the procedures and requirements for voting to accept or reject the Plan and for objecting to the Plan, (d) soliciting votes on the Plan, and (e) if necessary, contacting creditors regarding the Plan.
- 13. The Notice and Claims Agent is also authorized to accept Ballots and Opt-In Forms via electronic online transmission solely through a customized online balloting portal on the Debtors' restructuring website. The encrypted ballot data and audit trail created by such electronic submission shall become part of the record of any Ballot or Opt-In Form submitted in this manner and the creditor's electronic signature will be deemed to be immediately legally valid and effective.

14. All votes to accept or reject the Plan must be cast by using the appropriate Ballot. All Ballots must be properly executed, completed, and delivered according to the voting instructions by: (a) first class mail; (b) overnight courier; (c) personal delivery; or (d) via E-Ballot Portal, so that the Ballots are actually received by the Notice and Claims Agent no later than the Voting Deadline at the return address set forth in the Ballot. The Debtors are authorized to extend the Voting Deadline in their sole discretion and without further order of the Court.

# C. Approval of the Combined Hearing Notice.

- 15. The Combined Hearing Notice constitutes adequate and sufficient notice of the hearing to consider approval of the Plan, the manner in which a copy of the Plan could be obtained, and the time fixed for filing objections thereto, in satisfaction of the requirements of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules.
- 16. The Combined Hearing Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**, shall be filed by the Debtors and served, within two (2) business days following entry of this Order (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), upon the U.S. Trustee, all Holders of filed and scheduled claims, parties listed on Schedule G of each Debtors' schedules and statements, and all parties on the 2002 List.
- 17. In addition, the Debtors shall publish the Combined Hearing Notice in a format modified for publication (the "<u>Publication Notice</u>") one time, within two (2) business days after entry of this Order (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), in *The New York Times* or another similar nationally circulated news publication.

# D. Approval of Notice of Filing of the Plan Supplement.

18. The Debtors are authorized to file and post the Plan Supplement on the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>, which will be filed on the date that is (a) seven (7) days prior to the earlier of (i) the Voting Deadline or (ii) the deadline to object to

Confirmation of the Plan or (b) such later date as may be approved by the Bankruptcy Court **Exhibit 7**.

# E. Approval of the Form of Notices to Non-Voting Classes.

- 19. Except to the extent the Debtors determine otherwise, the Debtors are not required to provide the Solicitation Package to Holders of Claims in Non-Voting Classes. Instead, on or before the Solicitation Deadline, the Notice and Claims Agent shall distribute by email, where available, and otherwise by mail (first-class postage prepaid), instructions to access the Notices of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form through the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>, substantially in the form attached hereto as <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">Exhibits 4A, 4B, 4C, or 4D</a>, as applicable, in lieu of the Solicitation Package, the form of each of which is hereby approved, to those parties who are not entitled to vote on the Plan. If such Holder requests a hard copy of the Notice of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form, then the Notice and Claims Agent shall provide a hard copy within three (3) business days of receipt of such request, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.
- 20. The Debtors are not required to distribute the Solicitation Package or other solicitation materials to the following: (a) Holders of Claims that have already been paid in full during these chapter 11 cases or that are authorized to be paid in full pursuant to an order entered by this Court; (b) any party to whom a notice of the hearing regarding the Court's approval of the Disclosure Statement was sent but was subsequently returned as undeliverable; or (c) Holders of Class 5 Intercompany Claims and Class 6 Intercompany Interests.

# F. Approval of Assumption Notice.

21. The Debtors are authorized to distribute by email, where available, and otherwise by first-class U.S. mail, an Assumption Notice of any Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**, to the applicable counterparties to Executory

Contracts and Unexpired Leases that will be assumed pursuant to the Plan, within the time periods specified in the Plan.

# G. Approval of the Procedures for Filing Objections to the Plan.

22. Objections to the Plan will not be considered by the Court unless such objections are timely filed and properly served in accordance with this Order. Additionally, all objections to the Plan or requests for modifications to the Plan, if any, must: (a) be in writing, (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection, and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service) and served upon the notice parties identified in the Combined Hearing Notice on or before **June 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.**, prevailing Eastern Time.

#### IV. Miscellaneous.

- 23. The Debtors may make non-substantive changes to the Disclosure Statement, Plan (subject to the terms of the Plan), Combined Hearing Notice, Solicitation Package, Notices of Non-Voting Status and Opt-In Form, Ballot, Publication Notice, Cover Letter, Solicitation and Voting Procedures, Plan Supplement Notice, Assumption Notice, Voting and Tabulation Procedures, and related documents after the entry of this Order without further order of the Court, including changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any, and to make conforming changes to the Disclosure Statement, the Plan (subject to the terms of the Plan), and any other materials in the Solicitation Package before distribution.
- 24. The Debtors reserve the right to modify the Plan without further order of the Court in accordance with Article X of the Plan.

- 25. The Debtors reserve the right to withdraw the Plan as to any or all Debtors at any time before the Confirmation Date without further order of the Court in accordance with <u>Article X</u> of the Plan.
- 26. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief (including any payment made in accordance with this Order), nothing in this Order is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an implication or admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any particular claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable non-bankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim, or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this Order or the Motion or any order granting the relief requested by the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's claims, causes of action, or other rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law. Any payment made pursuant to this Order is not intended and should not be construed as an admission as to the validity, priority, or amount of any particular claim or a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to subsequently dispute such claim.
- 27. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

- 28. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 29. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 30. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

# Exhibit 1

# **Disclosure Statement**

[To Be Filed Separately]

# Exhibit 2

**Solicitation and Voting Procedures** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	) Chapter 11
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JOANN INC., et al., <sup>1</sup>	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
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Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
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#### SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [•], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [•]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan");² (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

#### A. The Voting Record Date.

The Court has established **May 23, 2025**, as the record date for purposes of determining which Holders of Claims in Class 3 (Prepetition Term Loan Claims) are entitled to vote on the Plan (the "<u>Voting Record Date</u>").

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# **B.** The Voting Deadline.

The Court has established <u>June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time</u>, as the voting deadline (the "<u>Voting Deadline</u>") for the Plan. The Debtors may extend the Voting Deadline without further order of the Court. To be counted as votes to accept or reject the Plan, all ballots (collectively, the "<u>Ballots</u>") must be properly executed, completed, and delivered pursuant to the instructions provided on or with the Ballot.

### C. Form, Content, and Manner of Notices.

## 1. The Solicitation Package.

The following materials shall constitute the solicitation package (the "Solicitation Package"):

- a. a Ballot, together with detailed voting instructions;
- b. the Cover Letter, including instructions to obtain access, free of charge, to the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Conditional Disclosure Statement Order via <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>;
- c. the notice of hearing to be held by the court to consider the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of the Plan (the "Combined Hearing" and, the notice thereof, the "Combined Hearing Notice"); and
- d. any other materials as the Court may direct.

# 2. Distribution of the Solicitation Package.

The Debtors shall serve, or cause to be served, the Solicitation Package to Holders of Claims in the Voting Class within one (1) business day after the entry of the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, who are entitled to vote, as described in **Section D** below, via email, where available, or with a notice containing a link access the Solicitation Packages via the Debtors' (https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025). Paper copies are available upon request by contacting Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the claims and noticing agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent") by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Inc. Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll).

The Debtors shall serve, or cause to be served, by email, where available, or otherwise by first class mail, (a) the complete Solicitation Package (excluding the Ballot) on the U.S. Trustee and (b) the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order and the Combined Hearing Notice on all parties required to be notified under Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and Local Rule 2002-1 (the "2002 List") as of the Voting Record Date.

For purposes of serving the Solicitation Packages, the Debtors may rely on the address and email address (as applicable) information for the Voting Class as compiled, updated, and maintained by the Claims and Noticing Agent as of the Voting Record Date. The Debtors and the Claims and Noticing Agent are not required to conduct any additional research for updated addresses or email addresses based on undeliverable Solicitation Packages (including Ballots) or Non-Voting Status Notices.

To avoid duplication and reduce expenses, the Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that each Holder of a Claim entitled to vote on the Plan receives no more than one Solicitation Package (and, therefore, one Ballot per Class) and is only entitled to submit one Ballot on account of such Holder's Claim in a particular Class.

## 3. Resolution of Disputed Claims for Voting Purposes; Resolution Event.

- a. The Debtors shall have until ten (10) days prior to the Voting Deadline to object to Proofs of Claims for purposes of voting on the Plan (the "Voting Claims Objection Deadline"). To the extent the Debtors wish to object to a Proof of Claim that is timely filed following the Voting Claims Objection Deadline but prior to the Voting Deadline, the Debtors shall promptly file such objection. Any such objection that remains pending as of the Combined Hearing Date will be heard on an emergency basis at the Combined Hearing.
- b. Absent a further order of the Court, the Holder of a Claim in the Voting Class that is the subject of a pending objection on a "reduce and allow" basis shall be entitled to vote such Claim in the reduced amount contained in such objection.
- c. If a Claim in the Voting Class is subject to an objection other than a "reduce and allow" objection that is filed with the Court ten days prior to the to the Voting Deadline: (i) the Debtors shall notify the applicable Holder of such objection; and (ii) the applicable Holder shall not be entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan on account of such claim unless a Resolution Event (as defined herein) occurs as provided herein.
- d. A "Resolution Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events no later than two business days prior to the Voting Deadline:

- i. an order of the Court is entered allowing such Claim pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, after notice and a hearing;
- ii. an order of the Court is entered temporarily allowing such Claim for voting purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), after notice and a hearing;
- iii. a stipulation or other agreement is executed between the Holder and the Debtors resolving the objection and allowing such Claim in an agreed upon amount; or
- iv. the pending objection is voluntarily withdrawn by the objecting party.
- e. To the extent an applicable Claim is in the Voting Class, no later than one (1) business day following the occurrence of a Resolution Event, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors shall cause the Claims and Noticing Agent to distribute via email, hand delivery, or overnight courier service a Solicitation Package and a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope, if applicable, to the relevant Holder to the extent such Holder has not already received a Solicitation Package.

# 4. <u>Non-Voting Status Notices for Unclassified Claims, Unimpaired Classes, Classes Deemed to Reject the Plan, and non-solicited Claims.</u>

Certain (i) Holders of Claims that are Unimpaired under the Plan and who are, pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, conclusively presumed to accept the Plan, (ii) Holders of Claims that are Impaired under the Plan and who are, pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, conclusively deemed to reject the Plan, (iii) Holders of Claims or Interests that are subject to a pending objection by the Debtors and who are not entitled to vote the disputed portion of such Claim and (iv) Holders of Claims or Interests from whom the Debtors are not soliciting votes will receive the applicable *Notice of Non-Voting Status* or *Notice of Non-Solicitation Status*, substantially in the form annexed as Exhibit 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order. Such notice will instruct these Holders as to how they may obtain copies of the documents contained in the Solicitation Package (*excluding* Ballots).

# 5. <u>Notices Regarding Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Assumed or Assumed and Assigned, Under the Plan.</u>

Counterparties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that receive an Assumption Notice, substantially in the form attached as <a href="Exhibit 8">Exhibit 8</a> to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, may file an objection to the Debtors' proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, and/or cure amount, each under the Plan, as applicable. Any objection by a counterparty to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease in connection with a proposed assumption or assumption and assignment or related cure amount (in each case, under the Plan) must be Filed, served, and actually received by the Debtors by no later than fourteen (14) days after actual receipt of this Notice, provided that, if the Debtors modify the Assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease List (for the avoidance of doubt, under the Plan), any party affected by such modifications

shall have fourteen (14) days to object to the proposed modified treatment from the date of their receipt of notice of such modification.

For the avoidance of doubt, the objection deadline(s) as to any proposed assumption or assumption and assignment of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease outside of the Plan (including as to related cure amounts) shall be as set forth in the Court order(s) applicable to such proposed assumption or assumption and assignment, as the case may be.

## D. Voting and Tabulation Procedures.

# 1. Holders of Claims Entitled to Vote.

Only the following Holders of Claims in the Voting Class shall be entitled to vote with regard to such Claims:

- a. Holders of Claims who on or before the Voting Record Date, have filed a Proof of Claim that (i) has not been expunged, disallowed, disqualified, withdrawn, or superseded prior to the Voting Record Date and (ii) is not the subject of a pending objection, other than a "reduce and allow" objection, filed with the Court prior to the Voting Deadline, pending a Resolution Event as provided herein; *provided* that a Holder of a Claim that is the subject of a pending objection on a "reduce and allow" basis shall receive a Solicitation Package and be entitled to vote such Claim in the reduced amount contained in such objection;
- b. Holders of Claims that are listed in the Schedules; <sup>3</sup> provided that Claims that are scheduled as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed (excluding such scheduled disputed, contingent, or unliquidated Claims that have been paid or superseded by a timely Filed Proof of Claim prior to the Voting Record Date) shall be disallowed for voting purposes (unless the applicable Claims Bar Date has not yet expired, in which case such scheduled claims would be allowed to vote in the amount of \$1.00);
- c. Holders of Claims that arise (i) pursuant to an agreement or settlement with the Debtors, as reflected in a document filed with the Court, (ii) in an order entered by the Court, or (iii) in a document executed by the Debtors pursuant to authority granted by the Court, in each case regardless of whether a Proof of Claim has been filed;
- d. Holders of Disputed Claims that have been temporarily allowed to vote on the Plan pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018; and
- e. the assignee of any Claim that was transferred on or before the Voting Record Date by any Entity described in subparagraphs (a) through (d) above; *provided*

The "<u>Schedules</u>" shall mean the schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of current income and expenditures, and statements of financial affairs filed by the Debtors on the consolidated docket for the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

that such transfer or assignment has been fully effectuated pursuant to the procedures set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) and such transfer is reflected on the Claims Register on the Voting Record Date.

# 2. <u>Establishing Claim Amounts for Voting Purposes.</u>

Claims in Class 3. For voting purposes, claim amounts for Claims in Class 3 (Prepetition Term Loan Claims) will be established by reference to all of the outstanding amounts of the applicable positions held by Holders of Class 3 Claims, as of the Voting Record Date, as evidenced by the applicable records (including any lender list or lender register) provided, or to be provided, by the Prepetition Term Loan Agent to the Debtors or the Claims and Noticing Agent in Microsoft Excel format by no later than one business day following the Voting Record Date.

# 3. <u>Voting and Ballot Tabulation Procedures.</u>

The following voting procedures and standard assumptions shall be used in tabulating Ballots, subject to the Debtors' right to waive any of the below specified requirements for completion and submission of Ballots so long as such requirement is not otherwise required by the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or Local Rules.

- a. Except as otherwise provided in the Solicitation and Voting Procedures, unless the Ballot being furnished is timely submitted on or prior to the Voting Deadline (as the same may be extended by the Debtors), the Debtors, in their sole discretion, shall be entitled to reject such Ballot as invalid and, therefore, not count it in connection with Confirmation of the Plan.
- b. Before the Combined Hearing (or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), the Debtors will file with the Court a voting report (the "Voting Report"). The Voting Report shall, among other things, delineate every Ballot that does not conform to the voting instructions or that contains any form of irregularity including, but not limited to, those Ballots that are late or (in whole or in material part) illegible, unidentifiable, lacking signatures, or lacking necessary information, received via facsimile, or damaged (in each case, an "Irregular Ballot"). As to each Irregular Ballot, the Voting Report shall (i) indicate the Debtors' intentions or action with respect thereto; and (ii) in the case of any rejected Irregular Ballot, whether the Claims and Noticing Agent later received a valid Ballot for the corresponding Claim.
- c. The method of delivery of Ballots to be sent to the Claims and Noticing Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder. Except as otherwise provided, a Ballot will be deemed delivered only when the Claims and Noticing Agent actually receives the properly executed Ballot.
- d. An executed Ballot is required to be submitted by the Entity submitting such Ballot. Delivery of a Ballot to the Claims and Noticing Agent by facsimile, telecopy, electronic mail, or any electronic means other than the Claims and Noticing Agent's online portal will not be valid.

- e. No Ballot should be sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims and Noticing Agent), or the Debtors' financial or legal advisors, and if sent, will not be counted.
- f. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the last valid Ballot timely received will be deemed to reflect that voter's intent and will supersede and revoke any prior received Ballot; provided however, that where an ambiguity exists as to which Ballot was the last received, the Claims and Noticing Agent shall have the right to contact the Holder of the Claim and tabulate the vote according to such Holder's stated intent. This procedure is without prejudice to the Debtors' rights to object to the validity of the superseding Ballot(s) on any basis permitted by law and, if the objection is sustained, to count the first Ballot for all purposes.
- g. Holders must vote all of their Claims within a particular Class either to accept or reject the Plan and may not split any votes. Accordingly, a Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan will not be counted. Further, to the extent there are multiple Claims within the same Class, the applicable Debtor may, in its discretion, aggregate the Claims of any particular Holder within a Class for the purpose of counting votes.
- h. Holders of Claims that may be asserted against multiple Debtors must vote such Claims either to accept or reject the Plan at each such Debtor and may not vote any such Claim to accept at one Debtor and reject at another Debtor. Accordingly, a Ballot that rejects the Plan for a Claim at one Debtor and accepts the Plan for the same Claim at another Debtor will not be counted.
- i. A person signing a Ballot in its capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity of a Holder of Claims must indicate such capacity when signing, and if so requested by the Debtors or the Claims and Noticing Agent, must submit proper evidence satisfactory to the Debtors of its authority to so act.
- j. The Debtors, subject to a contrary order of the Court, may waive any defects or irregularities as to any particular Irregular Ballot at any time, either before or after the close of voting, and any such waivers will be documented in the Voting Report or a supplemental voting report, as applicable.
- k. Neither the Debtors, nor any other Entity, will be under any duty to provide notification of defects or irregularities with respect to delivered Ballots other than as provided in the Voting Report, nor will any of them incur any liability for failure to provide such notification.
- 1. Unless waived or as ordered by the Court, any defects or irregularities in connection with deliveries of Ballots must be cured by the Holder of Claims prior to the Voting Deadline or such Ballots will not be counted.

- m. In the event a designation of lack of good faith is requested by a party in interest under section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court will determine whether any vote to accept and/or reject the Plan cast with respect to that Claim will be counted for purposes of determining whether the Plan has been accepted and/or rejected.
- n. Subject to any order of the Court, the Debtors reserve the right to reject any and all Ballots not in proper form, the acceptance of which, in the opinion of the Debtors, would not be in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules; *provided* that any such rejections will be documented in the Voting Report.
- o. If a Claim has been estimated or a Claim has otherwise been Allowed only for voting purposes by order of the Court, such Claim shall be temporarily Allowed in the amount so estimated or Allowed by the Court for voting purposes only, and not for purposes of allowance or distribution.
- p. If an objection to a Claim is filed, such Claim shall be treated in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.
- q. The following Ballots shall not be counted in determining the acceptance or rejection of the Plan: (i) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of such Claim; (ii) any Ballot cast by any Entity that does not hold a Claim in the Voting Class; (iii) any Ballot cast for a Claim scheduled as unliquidated, contingent, or disputed for which no Proof of Claim was timely filed by the Voting Record Date (unless the applicable bar date has not yet passed, in which case such Claim shall be entitled to vote in the amount of \$1.00); (iv) any unsigned Ballot; (v) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or marked both to accept and reject the Plan; and (vi) any Ballot submitted by any Entity not entitled to vote pursuant to the procedures described herein.
- r. After the Voting Deadline, no Ballot may be withdrawn or modified without the prior written consent of the Debtors; *provided* that such withdrawal or modification will be disclosed in the Voting Report.
- s. The Debtors are authorized to enter into stipulations with the Holder of any Claim agreeing to the amount of a Claim for voting purposes. The Debtors will provide notice to the Committee of any such stipulation as soon as reasonably practicable following entry into the stipulation.
- t. Where any portion of a single Claim has been transferred to a transferee, all Holders of any portion of such single Claim will be (i) treated as a single creditor for purposes of the numerosity requirements in section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (and for the other voting and solicitation procedures set forth herein), and (ii) required to vote every portion of such Claim collectively to accept or reject the Plan. In the event that (x) a Ballot, (y) a group of Ballots within the Voting Class received from a single creditor, or (z) a group of Ballots received from the various Holders of multiple

- portions of a single Claim partially reject and partially accept the Plan, such Ballots shall not be counted.
- u. For purposes of the numerosity requirement of section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, separate Claims held by a single creditor in a particular Class will be aggregated and treated as if such creditor held one Claim in such Class, and all votes related to such Claim will be treated as a single vote to accept or reject the Plan; provided that if separate affiliated entities hold Claims in a particular Class, these Claims will not be aggregated and will not be treated as if such creditor held one Claim in such Class, and the vote of each affiliated entity will be counted separately as a vote to accept or reject the Plan.

## E. Amendments to the Plan and Solicitation and Voting Procedures.

The Debtors reserve the right to make non-substantive or immaterial changes to the Disclosure Statement, Plan (subject to the terms of the Plan) (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), Ballot, Combined Hearing Notice, and related documents without further order of the Court, including, without limitation, changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors, if any, and to make conforming changes among the Disclosure Statement, the Plan (subject to the terms of the Plan), and any other materials in the Solicitation Package before

their distribution.

# Exhibit 3

Form of Ballot for Holders of Class 3 Prepetition Term Loan Claims

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	) Chapter 11
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JOANN INC., et al., <sup>1</sup>	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
	)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
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# BALLOT FOR VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE AMENDED JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF JOANN INC. AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES

#### BALLOT FOR HOLDERS OF CLASS 3 PREPETITION TERM LOAN CLAIMS

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BALLOTS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.

IN ORDER FOR YOUR VOTE TO BE COUNTED, THIS BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED, EXECUTED, AND RETURNED SO AS TO BE *ACTUALLY RECEIVED* BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY JUNE 30, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME (THE "<u>VOTING DEADLINE</u>") IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), are soliciting votes with respect to the *Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates* [Docket No.[●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Plan</u>") as set forth in the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates* [Docket No. [●]] (as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>"). The Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>") has conditionally approved the Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information pursuant to section 1125 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), by entry of an order on [●], 2025 [Docket No. [●]] (the "<u>Conditional Disclosure Statement Order</u>"). Bankruptcy Court approval of the Disclosure Statement does not indicate approval of the Plan by the Bankruptcy Court. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan, a copy of which is available at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>.

You are receiving this ballot (this "Ballot") because you are a Holder of a Class 3 Prepetition Term Loan Claim as of May 23, 2025 (the "Voting Record Date"). Accordingly, you have a right to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

YOUR VOTE ON THIS BALLOT WILL BE APPLIED TO EACH DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOU HAVE A CLAIM.

mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors'

Your rights are described in the Combined Hearing Notice and the Disclosure Statement, which were included in the package (the "Solicitation Package") you are receiving with this Ballot (as well as certain other materials). If you received Solicitation Package materials in electronic format and desire paper copies, or if you need to obtain additional Solicitation Packages, you may obtain them by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC,850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> or (ii) at no charge from Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>.

U.S./Canada Toll Free: (844) 712-2239 International, Toll: +1 (646) 863-7121

This Ballot may not be used for any purpose other than for casting votes to accept or reject the Plan and making certain certifications with respect to the Plan. If you believe you have received this Ballot in error, or if you believe you have received the wrong ballot, please contact the Claims and Noticing Agent *immediately* at the address, telephone number, or email address set forth above.

You should review the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the instructions contained herein before you vote. You may wish to seek legal advice concerning the Plan and the Plan's classification and treatment of your Claim. Your Claim has been placed in Class 3 under the Plan.

#### PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO METHODS:

ELECTRONICALLY, VIA E-BALLOT PORTAL. Submit your Ballot and vote through the Claims and Noticing Agent's online portal, by visiting <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a> and under the Case Navigation section of the website click on "Submit E-Ballot" and follow the instructions to submit your Ballot.

In order to submit a Ballot through the E-Ballot Portal, you must use the Unique E-Ballot ID# assigned to your Claim. Please complete and submit an electronic Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive.

UNIQUE E-BALLOT ID#	
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Each E-Ballot ID# is to be used solely for voting only those Claims described in Item 1 of your electronic Ballot. Please complete and submit an electronic Ballot for each E-Ballot ID# you receive, as applicable.

Creditors who cast a Ballot using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Ballot.

The Claims and Noticing Agent's E-Ballot Portal is the sole manner in which Ballots will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Ballots submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Creditors who cast a Ballot using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Ballot.

OR

<u>VIA PAPER BALLOT (IF APPLICABLE)</u>. Complete, sign, and date this Ballot and return it (with a signature) promptly via first-class mail (or in the enclosed reply envelope provided), overnight courier, or hand delivery to:

#### If by First Class Mail, Hand Delivery, or Overnight Mail:

JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412 Brooklyn, NY 11232

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please email the Claims and Noticing Agent at <u>JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com</u> (with "Joann Inc. Ballot Delivery" in the subject line) at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Kroll address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

#### Item 1. Amount of Claim.

The undersigned hereby certifies that as of the Voting Record Date, the undersigned was the Holder of a Class 3 Prepetition Term Loan Claim in the following *aggregate* unpaid principal amount:<sup>2</sup>

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#### Item 2. Vote on Plan.

The Holder of the Class 3 Prepetition Term Loan Claim against the Debtors, the aggregate, principal amount of which is set forth in Item 1, votes to (please check <u>one</u>):

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Your vote on the Plan will be applied to each applicable Debtor in the same manner and in the same amount as indicated in Item 1 and Item 2 above.

**Item 3.** Important information regarding releases under the Plan.<sup>3</sup>

Article VIII.B of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the "Debtor Release"):

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, upon entry of the Confirmation Order and effective as of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, including any Estate representative appointed or selected pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that any such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors,

For voting purposes only, subject to tabulation rules.

The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Ballot.

or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (but excluding any and all direct claims any such Holder of a Claim or Interest may have), to the extent such Claim or Cause of Action (x) has not been sold pursuant to the GA Transaction Documents and Approval Order(s) and (y) is based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release: (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions; or (2) any matters retained by the Wind-Down Debtors pursuant to the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each Releasing Party from any and all claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted by the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Third-Party Release does not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions or (2) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under the Plan.

Definitions Related to the Third-Party Release:

UNDER THE PLAN, "AVOIDANCE ACTIONS" MEAN ANY AND ALL AVOIDANCE, RECOVERY, OR SUBORDINATION ACTIONS OR REMEDIES THAT MAY BE BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW, INCLUDING ACTIONS OR REMEDIES UNDER SECTIONS 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, OR 553 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

UNDER THE PLAN, "EXCLUDED PARTIES" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, (A) ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS OR MAY BE LIABLE TO ANY OF THE DEBTORS (OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO) OR THE GUC TRUST IN RESPECT OF ANY RETAINED CAUSES OF ACTION OR GUC TRUST CAUSES OF ACTION, IF ANY, AND (B) ANY HOLDER OF INTERESTS IN JOANN INC. (SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH) THAT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASED PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) THE RELEASING PARTIES; (K) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS); (L) THE GUC TRUST AND THE GUC TRUSTEE; (M) THE PURCHASER; (N) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (O); AND (O) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (O); PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NONE OF THE EXCLUDED PARTIES SHALL BE RELEASED PARTIES.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASING PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (K) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (L) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (M) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (N) ALL HOLDERS OF INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (O) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (SOLELY IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE

MEMBERS AND NOT AS HOLDERS OF CLAIMS); (P) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH AFFILIATE TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; AND (Q) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH AFFILIATE OR ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH RELATED PARTY TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; PROVIDED THAT EACH SUCH ENTITY THAT ELECTS NOT TO OPT INTO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, SUCH THAT IT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY IN ITS CAPACITY AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST SHALL NEVERTHELESS BE A RELEASING PARTY IN EACH OTHER CAPACITY APPLICABLE TO SUCH ENTITY.

YOUR DECISION TO OPT IN OR NOT OPT IN TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE PLAN.

The Holder of the Claim identified in Item 1 elects to:

☐ OPT IN TO the Third-Party Release

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the "Exculpation"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur any liability for, and each such party shall be exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission occurring between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases prior to the Effective Date, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the GA Transaction, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence, willful misconduct, or actual fraud. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth above does not exculpate any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Article VIII.E of the Plan establishes an injunction (the "Injunction"):

In accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(3), the Plan does not discharge the Debtors. Section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code nevertheless provides, among other things, that the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Interests against the Debtors. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Persons or Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action in the Debtors and the Wind-Down Debtors, shall be precluded and permanently enjoined on and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors (but solely to the extent such action is brought against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors to directly or indirectly recover upon any property of the Estates, upon the Effective Date) the Exculpated Parties, the Released Parties, and any successors, assigns, or representatives of such Persons or Entities, solely with respect to any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action that will be or are treated by the Plan: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any Claim, action, or other proceeding of any kind;

(b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree, or order; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities unless such holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action released or settled pursuant to the Plan. All Persons or Entities who directly or indirectly have held, hold, may hold, or seek to assert Claims or Causes of Action that (x) have been released in the Plan (the "Released Claims") or (y) that are subject to exculpation (the "Exculpated Claims"), shall be enjoined from (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iv) asserting any right of subrogation on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims, except to the extent that a permissible right of subrogation is asserted with respect to a timely filed Proof of Claim; or (v) or commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; provided however, that the foregoing injunction shall have no effect on the liability of any person or Entity that results from any act or omission based on or arising out of gross negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, the automatic stay pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Debtors and any property dealt with by the Plan until the closing of these Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin (1) a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not a Releasing Party from taking any actions described in this Article VIII.E solely with respect to any direct claim of such Holder that is not an Exculpated Claim or (2) the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in Article VIII.E.

#### Item 4. Certifications.

By signing this Ballot, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, the Entity is the Holder (or authorized signatory for a Holder) of the Claim set forth in Item 1;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has reviewed a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the remainder of the Solicitation Package and acknowledges that the solicitation is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;

- (c) the Entity has not relied on any statement made or other information received from any person with respect to the Plan other than the information contained in the Solicitation Package or other publicly available materials;
- (d) no other Ballots with respect to the amount of the Claim identified in Item 1 has been cast or, if any other Ballots have been cast with respect to such Claim, then any such earlier Ballots are revoked;
- (e) the Entity understands and acknowledges that if multiple Ballots are submitted voting the Claim set forth in Item 1, only the last valid Ballot voting the Claim and received by the Claims and Noticing Agent before the Voting Deadline shall be deemed to reflect the voter's intent and thus to supersede and revoke any prior Ballots received by the Claims and Noticing Agent; and
- (f) the Entity understands and acknowledges that all authority conferred or agreed to be conferred pursuant to this Ballot, and every obligation of the Holder hereunder, shall be binding upon the transferees, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the Holder and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the Holder.

Name of Holder:	(Print or Type)
Signature: Name of Signatory:	(If other than the Holder)
Title: Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date Completed:	

IF THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT DOES NOT *ACTUALLY RECEIVE* THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED BY THIS BALLOT MAY BE COUNTED TOWARD CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS BALLOT**

1. The Debtors are soliciting the votes of Holders of Class 3 Claims with respect to the Plan referred to in the Disclosure Statement. PLEASE READ THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT.

- 2. The Plan can be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and thereby made binding upon you if it is accepted by the Holders of at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of Claims or at least two-thirds in amount of Interests in at least one class that votes on the Plan and if the Plan otherwise satisfies the requirements for confirmation provided by section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Please review the Disclosure Statement for more information.
- 3. To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you *must* complete and submit this Ballot as instructed herein. Ballots will not be accepted by electronic mail or facsimile.
- 4. <u>Use of Ballot</u>. To ensure that your Ballot is counted, you must: (a) complete your Ballot in accordance with these instructions; (b) clearly indicate your decision either to accept or reject the Plan in the boxes provided in Item 2 of the Ballot; and (c) clearly sign and submit your Ballot as instructed herein.
- 5. Your Ballot *must* be returned to the Claims and Noticing Agent so as to be *actually received* by the Claims and Noticing Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. The Voting Deadline is <u>June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.</u>, prevailing Eastern Time.
- 6. If a Ballot is received after the Voting Deadline and if the Voting Deadline is not extended, it may be counted only in the sole and absolute discretion of the Debtors. Additionally, **the following Ballots will not** be counted:
  - (a) any Ballot that partially rejects and partially accepts the Plan;
  - (b) Ballots sent to the Debtors, the Debtors' agents (other than the Claims and Noticing Agent), the Debtors' financial or legal advisors or any other person (other than the Claims and Noticing Agent);
  - (c) Ballots sent by electronic mail or facsimile;
  - (d) any Ballot that is illegible or contains insufficient information to permit the identification of the Holder of the Claim;
  - (e) any Ballot cast by an Entity that does not hold a Claim in the Voting Class;
  - (f) any Ballot submitted by a Holder not entitled to vote pursuant to the Plan;
  - (g) any unsigned Ballot; and/or
  - (i) any Ballot not marked to accept or reject the Plan or any Ballot marked both to accept and reject the Plan.
- 7. The method of delivery of Ballots to the Claims and Noticing Agent is at the election and risk of each Holder of Claim. Except as otherwise provided herein, such delivery will be deemed made only when the Claims and Noticing Agent *actually receives* the Ballot. In all cases, Holders should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery.
- 8. If multiple Ballots are received from the same Holder with respect to the same Claim prior to the Voting Deadline, the latest dated, timely received, and valid Ballot will supersede and revoke any earlier received Ballots.
- 9. You must vote all of your Claims within your respective class either to accept or reject the Plan and may *not* split your vote.
- 10. This Ballot does *not* constitute, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a Proof of Claim or (b) an assertion or admission of a Claim.

11. Please be sure to sign and date your Ballot. If you are signing a Ballot in your capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, attorney in fact, officer of a corporation, or otherwise acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, you must indicate such capacity when signing and, if required or requested by the Claims and Noticing Agent, the Debtors, or the Bankruptcy Court, must submit proper evidence to the requesting party to so act on behalf of such Holder. In addition, please provide your name and mailing address if it is different from that set forth on the attached mailing label or if no such mailing label is attached to the ballot.

# PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT PROMPTLY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BALLOT, THESE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS, OR THE PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, PLEASE CALL THE RESTRUCTURING HOTLINE AT:

U.S./CANADA TOLL FREE: (844) 712-2239 INTERNATIONAL, TOLL: +1 (646) 863-7121

# OR BY EMAILING <u>JOANNINFO@RA.KROLL.COM (WITH "JOANN SOLICITATION INQUIRY" IN</u> <u>THE SUBJECT LINE)</u>

IF THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT DOES NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVE THIS BALLOT ON OR BEFORE THE VOTING DEADLINE, WHICH IS

JUNE 30, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, AND IF
THE VOTING DEADLINE IS NOT EXTENDED, YOUR VOTE TRANSMITTED HEREBY MAY BE COUNTED ONLY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEBTORS.

# Exhibit 4A

Form of Non-Voting Status Notice (Unimpaired)

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	) Chapter 11
JOANN INC., et al., 1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
	)

# NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS AND OPT-IN FORM REGARDING RELEASES TO HOLDERS OF UNIMPAIRED CLAIMS OR INTERESTS CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"); (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [●]] (the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation packages; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT because of the nature and treatment of your Claim under the Plan, *you are not entitled to vote on the Plan*. Specifically, under the terms of the Plan, as a Holder of a Claim (as currently asserted against the Debtors) that is *not* Impaired and conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are *not* entitled to vote on the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, before the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market Street, Third Floor, Courtroom 7, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement is <u>June 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time</u> (the "<u>Plan Objection Deadline</u>"). All objections to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Disclosure Statement Order, as applicable.

basis and nature of any objection to the Plan or Disclosure Statement and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the claims and noticing agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> or (ii) at no charge from Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025.

<u>ARTICLE VIII</u> OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND <u>ARTICLE VIII.C CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE</u>. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE OPT-IN FORM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE.

Not consenting to the releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan is at your discretion. If you submit your notice with the below opt-in box checked, you will consent to the releases contained in Article VIII.C to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If you do not submit this Opt-In Form, you will not be deemed to consent to the Releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan.

Dated: [●], 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

# /s/ DRAFT

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### **OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT-IN FORM**

You are receiving this optional opt-in form (the "Opt-In Form") because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in the Plan by completing and submitting this form by June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time (the "Opt-In Deadline"). Holders of Claims or Interests may affirmatively opt in by, no later than the Opt-In Deadline by submitting this form in accordance with the directions herein.

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in Article VIII.C of the Plan, please either (i) promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-In Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (the "Claims and Noticing Agent") at the address set forth below or (ii) submit your Opt-In Form through the Claims and Noticing Agent's online E-Ballot Portal in accordance with the directions provided below. Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THIS OPT-IN FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED (WHETHER A PHYSICAL COPY IS RETURNED OR THE OPT-IN FORM IS COMPLETED ONLINE) BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF THE OPT-IN FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT-IN DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

# <u>Item 1.</u> Important information regarding releases under the Plan.

Article VIII.B of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the "Debtor Release"):

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, upon entry of the Confirmation Order and effective as of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors. assigns, and representatives, including any Estate representative appointed or selected pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that any such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (but excluding any and all direct claims any such Holder of a Claim or Interest may have), to the extent such Claim or Cause of Action (x) has not been sold pursuant to the GA Transaction Documents and Approval Order(s) and (y) is based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim

The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Opt-In Form. Defined terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as in the Plan.

or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release: (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions; or (2) any matters retained by the Wind-Down Debtors pursuant to the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action.

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each Releasing Party from any and all claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted by the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other related act or omission,

transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Third-Party Release does not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions or (2) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under the Plan.

#### <u>Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:</u>

UNDER THE PLAN, "AVOIDANCE ACTIONS" MEAN ANY AND ALL AVOIDANCE, RECOVERY, OR SUBORDINATION ACTIONS OR REMEDIES THAT MAY BE BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW, INCLUDING ACTIONS OR REMEDIES UNDER SECTIONS 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, OR 553 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

UNDER THE PLAN, "EXCLUDED PARTIES" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, (A) ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS OR MAY BE LIABLE TO ANY OF THE DEBTORS (OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO) OR THE GUC TRUST IN RESPECT OF ANY RETAINED CAUSES OF ACTION OR GUC TRUST CAUSES OF ACTION, IF ANY, AND (B) ANY HOLDER OF INTERESTS IN JOANN INC. (SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH) THAT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASED PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) THE RELEASING PARTIES; (K) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS); (L) THE GUC TRUST AND THE GUC TRUSTEE; (M) THE PURCHASER; (N) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (O); AND (O) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (O); PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NONE OF THE EXCLUDED PARTIES SHALL BE RELEASED PARTIES.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASING PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (K) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (L) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (M) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (N) ALL HOLDERS OF INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (O) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (SOLELY IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NOT AS HOLDERS OF CLAIMS); (P) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH AFFILIATE TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; AND (Q) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH AFFILIATE OR ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH RELATED PARTY TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; PROVIDED THAT EACH SUCH ENTITY THAT ELECTS NOT TO OPT INTO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, SUCH THAT IT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY IN ITS CAPACITY AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST SHALL NEVERTHELESS BE A RELEASING PARTY IN EACH OTHER CAPACITY APPLICABLE TO SUCH ENTITY.

### Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the "Exculpation"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur any liability for, and each such party shall be exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission occurring between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases prior to the Effective Date, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the GA Transaction, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence, willful misconduct, or actual fraud. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth above does not exculpate any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

### Article VIII.E of the Plan establishes an injunction (the "Injunction"):

In accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(3), the Plan does not discharge the Debtors. Section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code nevertheless provides, among other things, that the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Interests against the Debtors. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Persons or Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action in the Debtors and the Wind-Down Debtors, shall be precluded and permanently enjoined on and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against the Debtors, the Wind-Down

Debtors (but solely to the extent such action is brought against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors to directly or indirectly recover upon any property of the Estates, upon the Effective Date) the Exculpated Parties, the Released Parties, and any successors, assigns, or representatives of such Persons or Entities, solely with respect to any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action that will be or are treated by the Plan: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any Claim, action, or other proceeding of any kind; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree, or order; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities unless such holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action released or settled pursuant to the Plan. All Persons or Entities who directly or indirectly have held, hold, may hold, or seek to assert Claims or Causes of Action that (x) have been released in the Plan (the "Released Claims") or (y) that are subject to exculpation (the "Exculpated Claims"), shall be enjoined from (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iv) asserting any right of subrogation on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims, except to the extent that a permissible right of subrogation is asserted with respect to a timely filed Proof of Claim; or (v) or commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; provided however, that the foregoing injunction shall have no effect on the liability of any person or Entity that results from any act or omission based on or arising out of gross negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, the automatic stay pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Debtors and any property dealt with by the Plan until the closing of these Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin (1) a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not a Releasing Party from taking any actions described in this Article VIII.E solely with respect to any direct claim of such Holder that is not an Exculpated Claim or (2) the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in Article VIII.E.

OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION. YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT IN TO THE RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VII.C OF THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW. YOUR DECISION TO OPT IN OR NOT OPT IN TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE PLAN:

The undersigned Holder of the Claim or Interest elects to <b>OPT IN TO</b>
the Third-Party Release

### **Item 2.** Certifications.

By signing this Opt-In Form, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Entity is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the Entity is an authorized signatory for the Entity that is a Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status and Release Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Holders of Unimpaired Claims or Interests Conclusively Deemed to Accept the Plan* and that this Opt-In Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has submitted the same respective election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single Class; and
- (d) no other Opt-In Form has been submitted or, if any other Opt-In Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or Interests, then any such earlier Opt-In Forms are hereby revoked.

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# IF YOU HAVE MADE THE OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-IN FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW.

If by First Class Mail, Hand Delivery, or Overnight Mail:

JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412 Brooklyn, NY 11232

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please email the Claims and Noticing Agent at <a href="mailto:JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com">JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com</a> (with "Joann Inc. Ballot Delivery" in the subject line) at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Kroll address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

OR

# By electronic, online submission:

The Claims and Noticing Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly completed through the E-Ballot Portal. Submit your customized electronic Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal by visiting https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025 and under the Case Navigation section of the website click on "Submit E-Ballot" and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.

To access and submit your Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal, you must use the Unique E-Opt-In ID# assigned to your Claim or Interest.

UNIQUE E-OPT-IN ID#:

Each E-Opt-In ID# is to be used solely for electing to opt-in to the grant of the Third-Party Release under the Plan. Please complete and submit an electronic Opt-In Form for each E-Opt-In ID# you

receive, as applicable.

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims and Noticing Agent's E-Ballot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

# THE OPT-IN DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON JUNE 30, 2025.

THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE YOUR OPT-IN ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS OPT-IN FORM, PLEASE CONTACT: JOANNINFO@RA.KROLL.COM (WITH "JOANN SOLICITATION INQUIRY" IN THE SUBJECT LINE) FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

# Exhibit 4B

Form of Non-Voting Status Notice (Impaired)

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	) Chapter 11
JOANN INC., et al., 1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)

# NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS AND OPT-IN FORM REGARDING RELEASES TO HOLDERS OF IMPAIRED CLAIMS OR INTERESTS CONCLUSIVELY DEEMED TO REJECT THE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [•], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [•]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"); <sup>2</sup> (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation packages; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT because of the nature and treatment of your Claim under the Plan, *you are not entitled to vote on the Plan*. Specifically, under the terms of the Plan, as a Holder of a Claim (as currently asserted against the Debtors) that is Impaired and conclusively presumed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are *not* entitled to vote on the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, before the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market Street, Third Floor, Courtroom 7, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement is <u>June 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time</u> (the "<u>Plan Objection Deadline</u>"). All objections to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Disclosure Statement Order, as applicable.

basis and nature of any objection to the Plan or Disclosure Statement and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the claims and noticing agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> or (ii) at no charge from Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>.

<u>ARTICLE VIII</u> OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND <u>ARTICLE VIII.C CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE</u>. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE OPT-IN FORM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE.

Not consenting to the releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan is at your discretion. If you submit your notice with the below opt-in box checked, you will consent to the releases contained Article VIII.C to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If you do not submit this Opt-In Form, you will not be deemed to consent to the Releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan.

Dated: [●], 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

#### /s/ DRAFT

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### **OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT-IN FORM**

You are receiving this optional opt-in form (the "Opt-In Form") because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in the Plan by completing and submitting this form by June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time (the "Opt-In Deadline"). Holders of Claims or Interests may affirmatively opt in by, no later than the Opt-In Deadline by submitting this form in accordance with the directions herein.

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in Article VIII.C of the Plan, please either (i) promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-In Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (the "Claims and Noticing Agent") at the address set forth below or (ii) submit your Opt-In Form through the Claims and Noticing Agent's online E-Ballot Portal in accordance with the directions provided below. Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THIS OPT-IN FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED (WHETHER A PHYSICAL COPY IS RETURNED OR THE OPT-IN FORM IS COMPLETED ONLINE) BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF THE OPT-IN FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT-IN DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

# <u>Item 1.</u> Important information regarding releases under the Plan.

Article VIII.B of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the "Debtor Release"):

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, upon entry of the Confirmation Order and effective as of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors. assigns, and representatives, including any Estate representative appointed or selected pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that any such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (but excluding any and all direct claims any such Holder of a Claim or Interest may have), to the extent such Claim or Cause of Action (x) has not been sold pursuant to the GA Transaction Documents and Approval Order(s) and (y) is based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim

The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Opt-In Form. Defined terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as in the Plan.

or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release: (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions; or (2) any matters retained by the Wind-Down Debtors pursuant to the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action.

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each Releasing Party from any and all claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted by the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other related act or omission,

transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Third-Party Release does not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions or (2) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under the Plan.

#### <u>Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:</u>

UNDER THE PLAN, "AVOIDANCE ACTIONS" MEAN ANY AND ALL AVOIDANCE, RECOVERY, OR SUBORDINATION ACTIONS OR REMEDIES THAT MAY BE BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW, INCLUDING ACTIONS OR REMEDIES UNDER SECTIONS 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, OR 553 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

UNDER THE PLAN, "EXCLUDED PARTIES" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, (A) ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS OR MAY BE LIABLE TO ANY OF THE DEBTORS (OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO) OR THE GUC TRUST IN RESPECT OF ANY RETAINED CAUSES OF ACTION OR GUC TRUST CAUSES OF ACTION, IF ANY, AND (B) ANY HOLDER OF INTERESTS IN JOANN INC. (SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH) THAT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASED PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) THE RELEASING PARTIES; (K) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS); (L) THE GUC TRUST AND THE GUC TRUSTEE; (M) THE PURCHASER; (N) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (O); AND (O) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (O); PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NONE OF THE EXCLUDED PARTIES SHALL BE RELEASED PARTIES.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASING PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (K) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (L) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (M) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (N) ALL HOLDERS OF INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (O) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (SOLELY IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NOT AS HOLDERS OF CLAIMS); (P) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH AFFILIATE TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; AND (Q) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH AFFILIATE OR ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH RELATED PARTY TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; PROVIDED THAT EACH SUCH ENTITY THAT ELECTS NOT TO OPT INTO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, SUCH THAT IT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY IN ITS CAPACITY AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST SHALL NEVERTHELESS BE A RELEASING PARTY IN EACH OTHER CAPACITY APPLICABLE TO SUCH ENTITY.

### Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the "Exculpation"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur any liability for, and each such party shall be exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission occurring between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases prior to the Effective Date, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the GA Transaction, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence, willful misconduct, or actual fraud. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth above does not exculpate any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

### Article VIII.E of the Plan establishes an injunction (the "Injunction"):

In accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(3), the Plan does not discharge the Debtors. Section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code nevertheless provides, among other things, that the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Interests against the Debtors. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the

Confirmation Order, all Persons or Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action in the Debtors and the Wind-Down Debtors, shall be precluded and permanently enjoined on and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors (but solely to the extent such action is brought against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors to directly or indirectly recover upon any property of the Estates, upon the Effective Date) the Exculpated Parties, the Released Parties, and any successors, assigns, or representatives of such Persons or Entities, solely with respect to any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action that will be or are treated by the Plan: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any Claim, action, or other proceeding of any kind; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree, or order; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities unless such holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action released or settled pursuant to the Plan. All Persons or Entities who directly or indirectly have held, hold, may hold, or seek to assert Claims or Causes of Action that (x) have been released in the Plan (the "Released Claims") or (y) that are subject to exculpation (the "Exculpated Claims"), shall be enjoined from (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iv) asserting any right of subrogation on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims, except to the extent that a permissible right of subrogation is asserted with respect to a timely filed Proof of Claim; or (v) or commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; provided however, that the foregoing injunction shall have no effect on the liability of any person or Entity that results from any act or omission based on or arising out of gross negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, the automatic stay pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Debtors and any property dealt with by the Plan until the closing of these Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin (1) a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not a Releasing Party from taking any actions described in this Article VIII.E solely with respect to any direct claim of such Holder that is not an Exculpated Claim or (2) the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in Article VIII.E.

OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION. YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT IN TO THE RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VII.C OF THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW. YOUR DECISION TO OPT IN OR NOT OPT IN TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE PLAN:

The undersigned Holder of the Claim or Interest elects to <b>OPT IN TO</b>
the Third-Party Release

### **Item 2.** Certifications.

By signing this Opt-In Form, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Entity is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the Entity is an authorized signatory for the Entity that is a Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status and Release Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Holders of Impaired Claims or Interests Conclusively Deemed to Reject the Plan* and that this Opt-In Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has submitted the same respective election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single Class; and
- (d) no other Opt-In Form has been submitted or, if any other Opt-In Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or Interests, then any such earlier Opt-In Forms are hereby revoked.

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	(print or type)	
Signature:		
Name of Signatory:	(if other than Holder)	
	(if other than Holder)	
Title:		
Telephone Number:		
Email:		
Date Completed:		

# IF YOU HAVE MADE THE OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-IN FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW.

If by First Class Mail, Hand Delivery, or Overnight Mail:

JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412 Brooklyn, NY 11232

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please email the Claims and Noticing Agent at <a href="mailto:JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com">JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com</a> (with "Joann Inc. Ballot Delivery" in the subject line) at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Kroll address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

OR

# By electronic, online submission:

The Claims and Noticing Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly completed through the E-Ballot Portal. Submit your customized electronic Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal by visiting https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025 and under the Case Navigation section of the website click on "Submit E-Ballot" and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.

To access and submit your Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal, you must use the Unique E-Opt-In ID# assigned to your Claim or Interest.

UNIQUE E-OPT-IN ID#:

Each E-Opt-In ID# is to be used solely for electing to opt-in to the grant of the Third-Party Release

under the Plan. Please complete and submit an electronic Opt-In Form for each E-Opt-In ID# you receive, as applicable.

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims and Noticing Agent's E-Ballot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Please note that if you are a Holder of Class 7 - Interests in JOANN and hold a position in the equity securities identified below in 'street name' through a bank, broker or other intermediary or agent thereof, you will not be issued a Unique E-Opt-In# and may not submit your Opt-In Form via the E-Ballot Portal. Instead, to upload your completed Opt-In Form, you must click on the "Public Securities Submission Portal" link located on the left-hand navigation panel of the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a> . For the avoidance of doubt, only Holders of Class 7 Interests in JOANN whose positions are held in their own names on the books and records of the Debtors or the Debtors' transfer agent will be able to submit the electronic version of their Opt-In Form via the E-Ballot Portal.	CUSIP / ISIN
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Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

# THE OPT-IN DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON JUNE 30, 2025.

THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE YOUR OPT-IN ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS OPT-IN FORM, PLEASE CONTACT: <u>JOANNINFO@RA.KROLL.COM</u> (WITH "JOANN SOLICITATION INQUIRY" IN THE <u>SUBJECT LINE</u>) FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

# Exhibit 4C

Form of Notice of Non-Voting Status (Disputed)

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	) Chapter 11
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JOANN INC., et al., 1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
	)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
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# NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS AND OPT-IN FORM REGARDING RELEASES TO HOLDERS OF DISPUTED CLAIMS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"); (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [●]] (the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation packages; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT you are receiving this notice because you are the Holder of a Claim or Interest that is subject to a pending objection by the Debtors. You are not entitled to vote any disputed portion of your Claim on the Plan unless one or more of the following events have taken place before June 25, 2025 (the date that is two business days before the Voting Deadline) (each, a "Resolution Event"):

- 1. an order of the Bankruptcy Court is entered allowing such Claim pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, after notice and a hearing;
- 2. an order of the Bankruptcy Court is entered temporarily allowing such Claim for voting purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), after notice and a hearing;
- 3. a stipulation or other agreement is executed between the Holder of such Claim and the Debtors temporarily allowing the Holder of such Claim or Interest to vote its Claim or Interest in an agreed upon amount; or
- 4. the pending objection to such Claim is voluntarily withdrawn by the objecting party.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Disclosure Statement Order, as applicable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if a Resolution Event occurs, then no later than three (3) business days (or within a week of the Voting Deadline), within one (1) business day), or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Claims and Noticing Agent shall distribute a Ballot, and a pre-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope to you, which must be returned to the Claims and Noticing Agent no later than the Voting Deadline, which is on June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, before the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market Street, Third Floor, Courtroom 7, Wilmington, DE 19801.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement is **June 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the "Plan Objection Deadline"). All objections to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing **must**: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the basis and nature of any objection to the Plan or Disclosure Statement and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the claims and noticing agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> or (ii) at no charge from Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>.

ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE VIII.C CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE OPT-IN FORM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE.

Not consenting to the releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan is at your discretion. If you submit your notice with the below opt-in box checked, you will consent to the releases contained Article VIII.C to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If you do not submit this Opt-In Form, you will not be deemed to consent to the Releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan.

Dated: [●], 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

#### /s/ DRAFT

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### **OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT-IN FORM**

You are receiving this optional opt-in form (the "Opt-In Form") because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not entitled to vote on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in the Plan by completing and submitting this form by June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time (the "Opt-In Deadline"). Holders of Claims or Interests may affirmatively opt in by, no later than the Opt-In Deadline by submitting this form in accordance with the directions herein.

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in Article VIII.C of the Plan, please either (i) promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-In Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (the "Claims and Noticing Agent") at the address set forth below or (ii) submit your Opt-In Form through the Claims and Noticing Agent's online E-Ballot Portal in accordance with the directions provided below. Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THIS OPT-IN FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED (WHETHER A PHYSICAL COPY IS RETURNED OR THE OPT-IN FORM IS COMPLETED ONLINE) BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF THE OPT-IN FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT-IN DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

# <u>Item 1.</u> Important information regarding releases under the Plan.

Article VIII.B of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the "Debtor Release"):

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, upon entry of the Confirmation Order and effective as of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors. assigns, and representatives, including any Estate representative appointed or selected pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that any such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (but excluding any and all direct claims any such Holder of a Claim or Interest may have), to the extent such Claim or Cause of Action (x) has not been sold pursuant to the GA Transaction Documents and Approval Order(s) and (y) is based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim

The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Opt-In Form. Defined terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as in the Plan.

or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release: (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions; or (2) any matters retained by the Wind-Down Debtors pursuant to the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action.

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each Releasing Party from any and all claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted by the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other related act or omission,

transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Third-Party Release does not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions or (2) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under the Plan.

#### Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:

UNDER THE PLAN, "AVOIDANCE ACTIONS" MEAN ANY AND ALL AVOIDANCE, RECOVERY, OR SUBORDINATION ACTIONS OR REMEDIES THAT MAY BE BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW, INCLUDING ACTIONS OR REMEDIES UNDER SECTIONS 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, OR 553 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

UNDER THE PLAN, "EXCLUDED PARTIES" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, (A) ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS OR MAY BE LIABLE TO ANY OF THE DEBTORS (OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO) OR THE GUC TRUST IN RESPECT OF ANY RETAINED CAUSES OF ACTION OR GUC TRUST CAUSES OF ACTION, IF ANY, AND (B) ANY HOLDER OF INTERESTS IN JOANN INC. (SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH) THAT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASED PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) THE RELEASING PARTIES; (K) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS); (L) THE GUC TRUST AND THE GUC TRUSTEE; (M) THE PURCHASER; (N) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (O); AND (O) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (O); PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NONE OF THE EXCLUDED PARTIES SHALL BE RELEASED PARTIES.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASING PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (K) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (L) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (M) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (N) ALL HOLDERS OF INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (O) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (SOLELY IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NOT AS HOLDERS OF CLAIMS); (P) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH AFFILIATE TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; AND (Q) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH AFFILIATE OR ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH RELATED PARTY TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; PROVIDED THAT EACH SUCH ENTITY THAT ELECTS NOT TO OPT INTO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, SUCH THAT IT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY IN ITS CAPACITY AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST SHALL NEVERTHELESS BE A RELEASING PARTY IN EACH OTHER CAPACITY APPLICABLE TO SUCH ENTITY.

### Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the "Exculpation"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur any liability for, and each such party shall be exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission occurring between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases prior to the Effective Date, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the GA Transaction, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence, willful misconduct, or actual fraud. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth above does not exculpate any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

### Article VIII.E of the Plan establishes an injunction (the "Injunction"):

In accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(3), the Plan does not discharge the Debtors. Section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code nevertheless provides, among other things, that the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Interests against the Debtors. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the

Confirmation Order, all Persons or Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action in the Debtors and the Wind-Down Debtors, shall be precluded and permanently enjoined on and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors (but solely to the extent such action is brought against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors to directly or indirectly recover upon any property of the Estates, upon the Effective Date) the Exculpated Parties, the Released Parties, and any successors, assigns, or representatives of such Persons or Entities, solely with respect to any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action that will be or are treated by the Plan: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any Claim, action, or other proceeding of any kind; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree, or order; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities unless such holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action released or settled pursuant to the Plan. All Persons or Entities who directly or indirectly have held, hold, may hold, or seek to assert Claims or Causes of Action that (x) have been released in the Plan (the "Released Claims") or (y) that are subject to exculpation (the "Exculpated Claims"), shall be enjoined from (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iv) asserting any right of subrogation on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims, except to the extent that a permissible right of subrogation is asserted with respect to a timely filed Proof of Claim; or (v) or commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; provided however, that the foregoing injunction shall have no effect on the liability of any person or Entity that results from any act or omission based on or arising out of gross negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, the automatic stay pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Debtors and any property dealt with by the Plan until the closing of these Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin (1) a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not a Releasing Party from taking any actions described in this Article VIII.E solely with respect to any direct claim of such Holder that is not an Exculpated Claim or (2) the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in Article VIII.E.

<u>OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION</u>. YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT IN TO THE RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VII.C OF THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW. YOUR DECISION TO OPT IN OR NOT OPT IN TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE PLAN:

The undersigned Holder of the Claim or Interest elects to <b>OPT IN TO</b>
the Third-Party Release

#### Item 2. Certifications.

By signing this Opt-In Form, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Entity is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the Entity is an authorized signatory for the Entity that is a Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Voting Status and Release Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Disputed Claims* that this Opt-In Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has submitted the same respective election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single Class; and
- (d) no other Opt-In Form has been submitted or, if any other Opt-In Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or Interests, then any such earlier Opt-In Forms are hereby revoked.

	(print or type)	
Signature:		
Name of Signatory:		_
	(if other than Holder)	
Title:		
Address:		
Telephone Number:		

IF YOU HAVE MADE THE OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-IN FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW.

### If by First Class Mail, Hand Delivery, or Overnight Mail:

JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412 Brooklyn, NY 11232

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please email the Claims and Noticing Agent at <u>JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com</u> (with "Joann Inc. Ballot Delivery" in the subject line) at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Kroll address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

OR

#### By electronic, online submission:

The Claims and Noticing Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly completed through the E-Ballot Portal. Submit your customized electronic Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal by visiting https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025 and under the Case Navigation section of the website click on "Submit E-Ballot" and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.

To access and submit your Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal, you must use the Unique E-Opt-In ID# assigned to your Claim or Interest.

UNIQUE E-OPT-IN ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Each E-Opt-In ID# is to be used solely for electing to opt-in to the grant of the Third-Party Release under the Plan. Please complete and submit an electronic Opt-In Form for each E-Opt-In ID# you receive, as applicable.

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims and Noticing Agent's E-Ballot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

# THE OPT-IN DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON JUNE 30, 2025.

THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE YOUR OPT-IN ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS OPT-IN FORM, PLEASE CONTACT: <u>JOANNINFO@RA.KROLL.COM (WITH "JOANN SOLICITATION INQUIRY" IN THE SUBJECT LINE</u>) FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

# Exhibit 4D

Form of Notice of Non-Solicitation Status (Impaired)

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	) Chapter 11
mrc.	) Chapter 11
JOANN INC., et al., 1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
	)

# NOTICE OF NON-SOLICITATION STATUS AND OPT-IN FORM REGARDING RELEASES TO HOLDERS OF IMPAIRED CLAIMS OR INTERESTS FROM WHOM THE DEBTORS ARE NOT SOLICITING VOTES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [●], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [●]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"); (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [●]] (the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation packages; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT because of the nature and treatment of your Claim under the Plan and pursuant to the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, you are not being solicited to vote on the Plan. Specifically, under the terms of the Plan, as a Holder of a Claim in Class 4 (as currently asserted against the Debtors), the Debtors are not soliciting you to vote on the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, before the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 North Market Street, Third Floor, Courtroom 7, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement is <u>June 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time</u> (the "<u>Plan Objection Deadline</u>"). All objections to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors'

mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Disclosure Statement Order, as applicable.

Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the basis and nature of any objection to the Plan or Disclosure Statement and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the claims and noticing agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> or (ii) at no charge from Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>.

<u>ARTICLE VIII</u> OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND <u>ARTICLE VIII.C CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE</u>. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER. DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE OPT-IN FORM ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NOTICE.

Not consenting to the releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan is at your discretion. If you submit your notice with the below opt-in box checked, you will consent to the releases contained Article VIII.C to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If you do not submit this Opt-In Form, you will not be deemed to consent to the Releases contained in Article VIII.C of the Plan.

Dated: [●], 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

#### /s/ DRAFT

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### **OPTIONAL: RELEASE OPT-IN FORM**

You are receiving this optional opt-in form (the "Opt-In Form") because you are or may be a Holder of a Claim or Interest from whom the Debtors are not soliciting votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"). Holders of Claims or Interests may opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in the Plan by completing and submitting this form by June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time (the "Opt In Deadline"). Holders of Claims or Interests may affirmatively opt in by, no later than the Opt-In Deadline by submitting this form in accordance with the directions herein.

If you believe you are a Holder of a Claim or Interest with respect to the Debtors and choose to opt in to the Third-Party Release set forth in Article VIII.C of the Plan, please either (i) promptly complete, sign, and date this Opt-In Form and return it via first class mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery to Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (the "Claims and Noticing Agent") at the address set forth below or (ii) submit your Opt-In Form through the Claims and Noticing Agent's online E-Ballot Portal in accordance with the directions provided below. Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

THIS OPT-IN FORM MUST BE ACTUALLY RECEIVED (WHETHER A PHYSICAL COPY IS RETURNED OR THE OPT-IN FORM IS COMPLETED ONLINE) BY THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT BY THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF THE OPT-IN FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE OPT-IN DEADLINE, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

### <u>Item 1.</u> Important information regarding releases under the Plan.

Article VIII.B of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the "Debtor Release"):

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, upon entry of the Confirmation Order and effective as of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors. assigns, and representatives, including any Estate representative appointed or selected pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that any such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (but excluding any and all direct claims any such Holder of a Claim or Interest may have), to the extent such Claim or Cause of Action (x) has not been sold pursuant to the GA Transaction Documents and Approval Order(s) and (y) is based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim

The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs. Please read the Plan carefully before completing this Opt-In Form. Defined terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as in the Plan.

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release: (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions; or (2) any matters retained by the Wind-Down Debtors pursuant to the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action.

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each Releasing Party from any and all claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted by the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other related act or omission,

transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Third-Party Release does not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions or (2) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under the Plan.

#### Definitions Related to the Debtor Release and the Third-Party Release:

UNDER THE PLAN, "AVOIDANCE ACTIONS" MEAN ANY AND ALL AVOIDANCE, RECOVERY, OR SUBORDINATION ACTIONS OR REMEDIES THAT MAY BE BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW, INCLUDING ACTIONS OR REMEDIES UNDER SECTIONS 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, OR 553 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

UNDER THE PLAN, "EXCLUDED PARTIES" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, (A) ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS OR MAY BE LIABLE TO ANY OF THE DEBTORS (OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO) OR THE GUC TRUST IN RESPECT OF ANY RETAINED CAUSES OF ACTION OR GUC TRUST CAUSES OF ACTION, IF ANY, AND (B) ANY HOLDER OF INTERESTS IN JOANN INC. (SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH) THAT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASED PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) THE RELEASING PARTIES; (K) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS); (L) THE GUC TRUST AND THE GUC TRUSTEE; (M) THE PURCHASER; (N) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (O); AND (O) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (O); PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NONE OF THE EXCLUDED PARTIES SHALL BE RELEASED PARTIES.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASING PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (K) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (L) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (M) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (N) ALL HOLDERS OF INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (O) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (SOLELY IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NOT AS HOLDERS OF CLAIMS); (P) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH AFFILIATE TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; AND (Q) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH AFFILIATE OR ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH RELATED PARTY TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; PROVIDED THAT EACH SUCH ENTITY THAT ELECTS NOT TO OPT INTO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, SUCH THAT IT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY IN ITS CAPACITY AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST SHALL NEVERTHELESS BE A RELEASING PARTY IN EACH OTHER CAPACITY APPLICABLE TO SUCH ENTITY.

### Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the "Exculpation"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur any liability for, and each such party shall be exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission occurring between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases prior to the Effective Date, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the GA Transaction, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence, willful misconduct, or actual fraud. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth above does not exculpate any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

### Article VIII.E of the Plan establishes an injunction (the "Injunction"):

In accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(3), the Plan does not discharge the Debtors. Section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code nevertheless provides, among other things, that the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Interests against the Debtors. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Persons or Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action in the Debtors and the Wind-Down Debtors, shall be precluded and permanently enjoined on and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against the Debtors, the Wind-Down

Debtors (but solely to the extent such action is brought against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors to directly or indirectly recover upon any property of the Estates, upon the Effective Date) the Exculpated Parties, the Released Parties, and any successors, assigns, or representatives of such Persons or Entities, solely with respect to any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action that will be or are treated by the Plan: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any Claim, action, or other proceeding of any kind; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree, or order; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities unless such holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action released or settled pursuant to the Plan. All Persons or Entities who directly or indirectly have held, hold, may hold, or seek to assert Claims or Causes of Action that (x) have been released in the Plan (the "Released Claims") or (y) that are subject to exculpation (the "Exculpated Claims"), shall be enjoined from (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iv) asserting any right of subrogation on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims, except to the extent that a permissible right of subrogation is asserted with respect to a timely filed Proof of Claim; or (v) or commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; provided however, that the foregoing injunction shall have no effect on the liability of any person or Entity that results from any act or omission based on or arising out of gross negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, the automatic stay pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Debtors and any property dealt with by the Plan until the closing of these Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin (1) a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not a Releasing Party from taking any actions described in this Article VIII.E solely with respect to any direct claim of such Holder that is not an Exculpated Claim or (2) the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in Article VIII.E.

OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION. YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT IN TO THE RELEASE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE VII.C OF THE PLAN ONLY IF YOU CHECK THE BOX BELOW. YOUR DECISION TO OPT IN OR NOT OPT IN TO THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE WILL NOT IMPACT YOUR DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE PLAN:

The undersigned Holder of the Claim or Interest elects to <b>OPT IN TO</b>
the Third-Party Release

### **Item 2.** Certifications.

By signing this Opt-In Form, the undersigned certifies to the Bankruptcy Court and the Debtors that:

- (a) as of the Voting Record Date, either: (i) the Entity is the Holder of a Claim or Interest; or (ii) the Entity is an authorized signatory for the Entity that is a Holder of a Claim or Interest;
- (b) the Entity (or in the case of an authorized signatory, the Holder) has received a copy of the *Notice of Non-Solicitation Status and Release Opt-In Form Regarding Releases to Holders of Impaired Claims or Interests From Whom the Debtors Are Not Soliciting Votes* and that this Opt-In Form is made pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
- (c) the Entity has submitted the same respective election concerning the releases with respect to all Claims or Interests in a single Class; and
- (d) no other Opt-In Form has been submitted or, if any other Opt-In Forms have been submitted with respect to such Claims or Interests, then any such earlier Opt-In Forms are hereby revoked.

	(print or type)	
Signature:		
Name of Signatory:	(if other than Holder)	
	(if other than Holder)	
Title:		
Address:		
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Telephone Number:		
Email:		

### IF YOU HAVE MADE THE OPTIONAL OPT-IN ELECTION, PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN, AND DATE THIS OPT-IN FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY BY ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS BELOW.

If by First Class Mail, Hand Delivery, or Overnight Mail:

JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412 Brooklyn, NY 11232

To arrange hand delivery of your Ballot, please email the Claims and Noticing Agent at <a href="mailto:JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com">JoannBallots@ra.kroll.com</a> (with "Joann Inc. Ballot Delivery" in the subject line) at least 24 hours prior to your arrival at the Kroll address above and provide the anticipated date and time of delivery.

OR

### By electronic, online submission:

The Claims and Noticing Agent will accept Opt-In Forms if properly completed through the E-Ballot Portal. Submit your customized electronic Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal by visiting https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025 and under the Case Navigation section of the website click on "Submit E-Ballot" and follow the instructions to submit your Opt-In Form.

To access and submit your Opt-In Form through the E-Ballot Portal, you must use the Unique E-Opt-In ID# assigned to your Claim or Interest.

UNIQUE E-OPT-IN ID#:

Each E-Opt-In ID# is to be used solely for electing to opt-in to the grant of the Third-Party Release under the Plan. Please complete and submit an electronic Opt-In Form for each E-Opt-In ID# you

receive, as applicable.

Creditors who submit an Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

The Claims and Noticing Agent's E-Ballot Portal is the sole manner in which Opt-In Forms will be accepted via electronic or online transmission. Opt-In Forms submitted by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission will not be counted.

Parties that submit their Opt-In Form using the E-Ballot Portal should NOT also submit a paper Opt-In Form.

### THE OPT-IN DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON JUNE 30, 2025.

THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT MUST ACTUALLY RECEIVE YOUR OPT-IN ELECTION ON OR BEFORE THE OPT-IN DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS OPT-IN FORM, PLEASE CONTACT: <u>JOANNINFO@RA.KROLL.COM</u> (WITH "JOANN SOLICITATION INQUIRY" IN THE <u>SUBJECT LINE</u>) FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

### Exhibit 5

Form of Cover Letter



[•], 2025

### Via First Class Mail / Email

**<u>RE</u>**: In re JOANN Inc., et al. Chapter 11 Case No. 25-10068, Summary of Chapter 11 Plan and Information Regarding Certain Key Dates.

#### TO ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN:

JOANN Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession in the above captioned cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>")<sup>2</sup> each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>") on January 15, 2025.

You have received this letter and the enclosed materials because you are entitled to vote on the *Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates* (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan"). On [●], 2025, the Court entered an order (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order") [Docket No. [●]]: (a) authorizing the Debtors to solicit acceptances for the Plan; (b) conditionally approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates* [Docket No. [●]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS LETTER BECAUSE YOU ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ONE.

In addition to this cover letter, the enclosed materials comprise your Solicitation Package, and were approved by the Court for distribution to Holders of Claims in connection with the solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan. The Disclosure Statement, as approved by the Bankruptcy Court

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meanings as set forth in the Plan.

(and all exhibits thereto, including the Plan) and the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order are available free of charge on the Debtors' case website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>. If you would like to receive paper copies of any or all of these documents, please reach out to the Claims and Noticing Agent (as defined below) using their below contact information. The Solicitation Package consists of the following:

- a. a Ballot, together with detailed voting instructions;
- b. this cover letter, which includes instructions to obtain access, free of charge, to the Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Conditional Disclosure Statement Order via <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>;
- c. the Combined Hearing Notice; and
- d. any other materials as the Court may direct.

JOANN Inc. (on behalf of itself and each of the other Debtors) has approved the filing of the Plan and the solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan. The Debtors believe that the Plan is in the best interests of their estates and all other parties in interest. Moreover, the Debtors believe that any alternative other than Confirmation of the Plan could result in significant delays and increased administrative expenses, which, in turn, likely would result in smaller distributions (or no distributions) or recoveries on account of Claims asserted in these chapter 11 cases.

THE DEBTORS STRONGLY URGE YOU TO PROPERLY AND TIMELY SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT CASTING A VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN. THE VOTING DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON JUNE 30, 2025.

The materials in the Solicitation Package are intended to be self-explanatory. If you should have any questions, however, please feel free to contact Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the notice, claims, and solicitation agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), by calling the Debtors' Claims and Noticing Agent at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). The Claims and Noticing Agent cannot and will not provide legal advice. If you need legal advice, you should consult an attorney.

Copies of certain orders, notices, and pleadings, as well as other information regarding these chapter 11 cases, are available for inspection free of charge on the Debtors' website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://ecf.deb.uscourts.gov">https://ecf.deb.uscourts.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

/s/ DRAFT

Jeffrey Dwyer Interim Chief Financial Officer

### Exhibit 6

**Combined Hearing Notice** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	)
In re:	) Chapter 11
	)
JOANN INC., et al.,1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
	)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
	)

# NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER (I) FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND (II) CONFIRMATION OF THE DEBTORS' JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

On [•], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [•]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan");² (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

The hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on <u>July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time</u>, before the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 Market St. N, Third Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning as set forth in the Plan.

On the Effective Date, each Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not previously assumed, assumed and assigned, or rejected shall be deemed automatically rejected, other than those that: (1) are specifically described in the Plan as to be assumed in connection with Confirmation of the Plan, are identified on a Cure Notice, are identified on the Schedule of Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, or were assumed as part of the GA Transaction; (2) have been previously assumed or rejected by the Debtors pursuant to any other Bankruptcy Court order; (3) are the subject of a Filed motion to assume, assume and assign, or reject such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease (or of a Filed objection with respect thereto) that is pending on the Confirmation Date; (4) are a contract, release, or other agreement or document entered into in connection with the Plan; or (5) are an Insurance Policy.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: THE COMBINED HEARING MAY BE CONTINUED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE COURT OR THE DEBTORS WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OTHER THAN BY SUCH ADJOURNMENT BEING ANNOUNCED IN OPEN COURT OR BY A NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT FILED WITH THE COURT AND SERVED ON ALL PARTIES ENTITLED TO NOTICE.

ANY SUCH NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE ON THE DEBTORS' CASE WEBSITE AT <u>HTTPS://CASES.RA.KROLL.COM/JOANN2025.</u>

### CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ON THE PLAN

**Voting Record Date**. The voting record date is **May 23, 2025**, which was the date for determining which Holders of Claims in Class 3 are entitled to vote on the Plan.

Voting Deadline. The deadline for voting on the Plan is <u>June 30, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.</u>, <u>prevailing Eastern Time</u> (the "<u>Voting Deadline</u>"). If you received a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot and intend to vote on the Plan you *must*: (a) follow the instructions carefully; (b) complete *all* of the required information on the ballot; and (c) execute and return your completed Ballot according to and as set forth in detail in the voting instructions so that it is *actually received* by the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (the "<u>Claims and Noticing Agent</u>") on or before the Voting Deadline. *A failure to follow such instructions may disqualify your vote*.

# CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING OBJECTING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN AND/OR FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE VIII.C CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

Plan Objection Deadline. The deadline for filing objections to confirmation of the Plan and/or final approval of the Disclosure Statement, as applicable, is <u>June 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time</u> (the "<u>Plan Objection Deadline</u>"). All such objections *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the basis and nature of any objection to the Plan and, if

practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan or Disclosure Statement (as applicable) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service) and served upon the following parties so as to be actually received on or before the Plan Objection Deadline: (i) the Debtors, JOANN Inc., 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236, Attn.: Ann Aber, EVP, Chief Legal and Human Resources Officer; (ii) co-counsel to the Debtors, (a) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Aparna Yenamandra, P.C. (aparna.yenamandra@kirkland.com) and 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago Illinois 60654, Attn.: Jeffrey Michalik (jeff.michalik@kirkland.com), and Lindsey Blumenthal (lindsey.blumenthal@kirkland.com) and (b) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware 1410, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Patrick J. (preilley@coleschotz.com), Stacy L. Newman (snewman@coleschotz.com), Michael E. Fitzpatrick (mfitzpatrick@coleschotz.com), and Jack M. Dougherty (idoughertv@coleschotz.com); (iii) the United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox Wilmington, Delaware Attn.: 35, 19801, Malcolm M. Bates (malcolm.m.bates@usdoj.gov); (iv) counsel to the Prepetition ABL Agent, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn.: Christopher Carter (christopher.carter@morganlewis.com) and Marjorie Crider (marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com); (v) counsel to the Prepetition FILO Agent, Choate Hall & Stewart LLP, 2 International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn.: John Ventola (jventola@choate.com) and Jonathan Marshall (jmarshall@choate.com); (vi) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Ad Hoc Group, (a) Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166, Attn.: Scott J. Greenberg (SGreenberg@gibsondunn.com), Matthew J. Williams (MJWilliams@gibsondunn.com), and Kevin Liang (KLiang@gibsondunn.com), (b) Glenn Agre Bergman & Fuentes LLP, 1185 Avenue of Americas, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10035, Attn: Andrew K. Glenn (agless@glenagre.com) and Malak S. Doss (mdoss@glenagre.com) and (c) Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, 1201 North Market Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Donna Culver (dculver@morrisnichols.com), Robert Dehney (rdehney@morrisnichols.com), Matthew Harvev (mharvey@morrisnichols.com), Brenna Dolphin and (bdolphin@morrisnichols.com); (vii) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, ArentFox Schiff LLP, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, 42nd Floor, New York, New York 10019, Attn.: Jeffrey Gleit (jeffrey.gleit@afslaw.com) and 1717 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006, Attn.: Jonathan Bagg (jonathan.bagg@afslaw.com), and 233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 7100, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attn.: Matthew Bentley (matthew.bentley@afslaw.com); (viii) counsel to Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020, Attn.: Steven Reisman (sreisman@katten.com) and Cindi Giglio (cgiglio@katten.com); and (ix) the Committee, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, 3 World Trade Center, 175 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007, Attn.: Jason R. Adams (jadams@kelleydrye.com), Andres Barajas (abarajas@kelleydrye.com), Connie Y. Choe (cchoe@kelleydrye.com), Maeghan J. McLoughlin (mmcloughlin@kelleydrye.com), Randall L. Morrison (rmorrison@kelleydrye.com) and Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: James E. O'Neill (joneill@pszjlaw.com), Bradford J. Sandler (bsandler@pszjlaw.com), and Eric R. Wilson (ewilson@pszilaw.com).

# Please be advised that Article VIII of the Plan contains the following release, exculpation, and injunction provisions:<sup>3</sup>

Article VIII.B of the Plan provides for a release by the Debtors (the "Debtor Release"):

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order to the contrary, pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, upon entry of the Confirmation Order and effective as of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, including any Estate representative appointed or selected pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that any such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (but excluding any and all direct claims any such Holder of a Claim or Interest may have), to the extent such Claim or Cause of Action (x) has not been sold pursuant to the GA Transaction Documents and Approval Order(s) and (y) is based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions). intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or an Affiliate of a Debtor and another Debtor, the Wind-Down Debtors, or Affiliate of a Debtor, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release: (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement)

The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs.

executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions; or (2) any matters retained by the Wind-Down Debtors pursuant to the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action.

Article VIII.C of the Plan provides for a third-party release by the Releasing Parties (the "Third-Party Release"):

Except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is, and is deemed hereby to be, fully, conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released by each Releasing Party from any and all claims and Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors (including the Debtors' and the Wind-Down Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof or otherwise), the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor or Wind-Down Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts (including the marketing, bidding, auction, and sale-related processes leading to the GA Transaction), the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, any Avoidance Actions (but excluding Avoidance Actions brought as counterclaims or defenses to Claims asserted by the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors or any GUC Trust Causes of Action that constitute Avoidance Actions), intercompany transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, solicitation, negotiation, entry into, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the Chapter 11 Cases, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, except for any claims arising from or related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order by a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Third-Party Release does not release (1) any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date (solely to the extent such obligation does not arise from any acts or omissions prior to the Effective Date) of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or the Wind-Down Transactions or (2) the rights of any Holder of Allowed Claims to receive distributions under the Plan.

UNDER THE PLAN, "AVOIDANCE ACTIONS" MEAN ANY AND ALL AVOIDANCE, RECOVERY, OR SUBORDINATION ACTIONS OR REMEDIES THAT MAY BE BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW, INCLUDING ACTIONS OR REMEDIES UNDER SECTIONS 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, OR 553 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

UNDER THE PLAN, "EXCLUDED PARTIES" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, (A) ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT IS OR MAY BE LIABLE TO ANY OF THE DEBTORS (OR ANY SUCCESSOR THERETO) OR THE GUC TRUST IN RESPECT OF ANY RETAINED CAUSES OF ACTION OR GUC TRUST CAUSES OF ACTION, IF ANY, AND (B) ANY HOLDER OF INTERESTS IN JOANN INC. (SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH) THAT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASED PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) THE RELEASING PARTIES; (K) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS); (L) THE GUC TRUST AND THE GUC TRUSTEE; (M) THE PURCHASER; (N) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (O); AND (O) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (O); PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NONE OF THE EXCLUDED PARTIES SHALL BE RELEASED PARTIES.

UNDER THE PLAN, "RELEASING PARTIES" MEANS, EACH OF, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY (A) THE DEBTORS; (B) EACH OF THE WIND DOWN DEBTORS; (C) THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR; (D) THE PREPETITION ABL LENDERS; (E) THE PREPETITION FILO LENDERS; (F) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN LENDERS; (G) THE PREPETITION ABL AGENT; (H) THE PREPETITION FILO AGENT; (I) THE PREPETITION TERM LOAN AGENT; (J) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (K) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO VOTE TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (L) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REJECT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (M) ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (N) ALL HOLDERS OF INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS WHO AFFIRMATIVELY OPT IN TO THE RELEASES PROVIDED BY THE PLAN; (O) THE COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS (SOLELY IN THEIR CAPACITY AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NOT AS HOLDERS OF CLAIMS); (P) EACH CURRENT AND FORMER AFFILIATE OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE (O) FOR WHICH SUCH ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH AFFILIATE TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; AND (Q) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH THIS CLAUSE (Q) FOR WHICH SUCH AFFILIATE OR ENTITY IS LEGALLY ENTITLED TO BIND SUCH RELATED PARTY TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN UNDER APPLICABLE NON BANKRUPTCY LAW; PROVIDED THAT EACH SUCH ENTITY THAT ELECTS NOT TO OPT INTO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, SUCH THAT IT IS NOT A RELEASING PARTY IN ITS CAPACITY AS A HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST SHALL NEVERTHELESS BE A RELEASING PARTY IN EACH OTHER CAPACITY APPLICABLE TO SUCH ENTITY.

Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for an exculpation of certain parties (the "Exculpation"):

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur any liability for, and each such party shall be exculpated from any Cause of Action for any claim related to any act or omission occurring between the Petition Date and the Effective Date in connection with, relating to or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases prior to the Effective Date, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the GA Transaction, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, any other Definitive Document, or any Wind-Down Transaction, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the GA Transaction, any other Definitive Document, any of the Wind-Down Transactions, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of the GA Transaction, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence, willful misconduct, or actual fraud. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth above does not exculpate any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Article VIII.E of the Plan establishes an injunction (the "Injunction"):

In accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(3), the Plan does not discharge the Debtors. Section 1141(c) of the Bankruptcy Code nevertheless provides, among other things, that the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Interests against the Debtors. Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Persons or Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action in the Debtors and the Wind-Down Debtors, shall be precluded and permanently enjoined on and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors (but solely to the extent such action is brought against the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors to directly or indirectly recover upon any property of the Estates, upon the Effective Date) the Exculpated Parties, the Released Parties, and any successors, assigns, or representatives of such Persons or Entities, solely with respect to any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action that will be or are treated by the Plan: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any Claim, action, or other proceeding of any kind; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree, or order; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities unless such holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action released or settled pursuant to the Plan. All Persons or Entities who directly or indirectly have held, hold, may hold, or seek to assert Claims or Causes of Action that (x) have been released in the Plan (the "Released Claims") or (y) that are subject to exculpation (the "Exculpated Claims"), shall be enjoined from (i) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (ii) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iii) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; (iv) asserting any right of subrogation on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims, except to the extent that a permissible right of subrogation is asserted with respect to a timely filed Proof of Claim; or (v) or commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding on account of or in connection with or with respect to the Released Claims and Exculpated Claims; provided however, that the foregoing injunction shall have no effect on the liability of any person or Entity that results from any act or omission based on or arising out of gross negligence, fraud, or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or the Confirmation Order, the automatic stay pursuant to section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Debtors and any property dealt with by the Plan until the closing of these Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction set forth above does not enjoin (1) a Holder of a Claim or Interest that is not a Releasing Party from taking any actions described in this Article VIII.E solely with respect to any direct claim of such Holder that is not an Exculpated Claim or (2) the enforcement of any obligations arising on or after the Effective Date of any Person or Entity under the Plan, any post-Effective Date transaction contemplated by the Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, managers, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates, in their capacities as such, shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in Article VIII.E.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Obtaining Solicitation Materials.** The materials in the Solicitation Package are intended to be self-explanatory. If you should have any questions or if you would like to obtain additional solicitation materials (or paper copies of solicitation materials), please feel free to contact the Debtors' Claims and Noticing Agent, by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Inc. Solicitation Inquiry in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at https://www.deb.uscourts.gov or (ii) at no charge from Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025.

Please be advised that the Claims and Noticing Agent is authorized to answer questions about, and provide additional copies of, solicitation materials, but may *not* advise you as to whether you should vote to accept or reject the Plan.

The Plan Supplement. The Debtors will file documents constituting the Plan Supplement (as defined in the Plan) on the date that is (a) seven (7) days prior to the earlier of (i) the Voting Deadline or (ii) the deadline to object to Confirmation of the Plan or (b) such later date as may be approved by the Bankruptcy Court, and will serve notice on all Holders of Claims or Interests entitled to vote on the Plan, which will: (a) inform parties that the Debtors filed the Plan Supplement; (b) list the information contained in the Plan Supplement; and (c) explain how parties may obtain copies of the Plan Supplement.

### **BINDING NATURE OF THE PLAN**:

IF CONFIRMED, THE PLAN SHALL BIND ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND/OR INTERESTS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH HOLDER WILL RECEIVE OR RETAIN ANY PROPERTY OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, HAS FILED A PROOF OF CLAIM OR INTEREST IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES, OR FAILED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN.

### Exhibit 7

Form of Plan Supplement Notice

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	)
In re:	) Chapter 11
JOANN INC., et al.,1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)

### NOTICE OF FILING OF PLAN SUPPLEMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [•], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [•]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan");² (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT as contemplated under the Plan and the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, the Debtors filed the Plan Supplement on [●], 2025 [Docket No. [●]]. The Plan Supplement, as defined in the Plan, means the compilation of documents and forms of documents, agreements, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan (as may be altered, amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules) to be Filed initially by the Debtors no later than the Plan Supplement Filing Date and may include the following, as applicable: (a) Schedule of Assumed and Assigned Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, (b) Schedule of Retained Causes of Action; (c) the Wind-Down Transactions Memorandum; (d) the identity of the Plan administrator and the GUC Trustee; (e) the GUC Trust Agreement; (f) the 503(b)(9) Reconciliation Procedures; and (g) additional documents Filed with the Bankruptcy Court prior to the Effective Date as amendments to the Plan Supplement.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning as set forth in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on <u>July 10, 2025</u>, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time before the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 Market St. N, Third Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan and/or final approval of the Disclosure Statement is <u>June 27, 2025</u>, <u>at 4:00 p.m.</u>, <u>prevailing Eastern Time</u> (the "<u>Plan Objection Deadline</u>"). Any such objections *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the basis and nature of any objection to the Plan or Disclosure Statement and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court on or before the Plan Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Conditional Disclosure Statement Order, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the claims and noticing retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Inc. Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> or (ii) at no charge from Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>.

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Dated: [●], 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

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### Exhibit 8

Form of Notice of Assumption of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:	) Chapter 11
JOANN INC., et al., 1	) Case No. 25-10068 (CTG)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
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NOTICE OF (A) EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES TO BE ASSUMED OR ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED BY THE DEBTORS PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, (B) CURE AMOUNTS, IF ANY, AND (C) RELATED PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on [•], 2025, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. [•]] (the "Conditional Disclosure Statement Order"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to solicit votes on the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Plan");² (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of JOANN Inc. and Its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. [•]] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "Disclosure Statement") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation package; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) granting related relief.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Debtors filed the Assumed Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease List [Docket No. [●]] (the "Schedule of Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases") with the Court as part of the Plan Supplement on [●], 2025 as contemplated under the Plan. The Debtors' determination to assume or assume and assign under the Plan the agreements identified on the Schedule of Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases is subject to ongoing review, revision, and further negotiation among the Debtors and interested parties with respect thereto.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: JOANN Inc. (5540); Needle Holdings LLC (3814); Jo-Ann Stores, LLC (0629); Creative Tech Solutions LLC (6734); Creativebug, LLC (3208); WeaveUp, Inc. (5633); JAS Aviation, LLC (9570); joann.com, LLC (1594); JOANN Ditto Holdings Inc. (9652); Dittopatterns LLC (0452); JOANN Holdings 1, LLC (9030); JOANN Holdings 2, LLC (6408); and Jo-Ann Stores Support Center, Inc. (5027). The Debtors' mailing address is 5555 Darrow Road, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning as set forth in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan and final approval of the Disclosure Statement (the "Combined Hearing") will commence on <u>July 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time</u>, before the Honorable Craig T. Goldblatt, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, located at 824 Market St. N, Third Floor, Wilmington, DE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT you are receiving this notice because the Debtors' records reflect that you are a party to a contract that is listed on the Schedule of Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. Therefore, you are advised to carefully review the information contained in this notice and the related provisions of the Plan, including the Schedule of Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** the Debtors are proposing to assume or assume and assign the Executory Contract(s) and Unexpired Lease(s) listed in **Addendum A** attached hereto to which you are a party.<sup>3</sup>

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires a chapter 11 debtor to cure, or provide adequate assurance that it will promptly cure, any defaults under executory contracts and unexpired leases at the time of assumption. Accordingly, the Debtors have conducted a thorough review of their books and records and have determined the amounts required to cure defaults, if any, under the Executory Contract(s) and Unexpired Lease(s), which amounts are listed in <u>Addendum A</u>. Please note that if no amount is stated for a particular Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, the Debtors believe that there is no cure amount outstanding for such contract or lease.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any monetary defaults under an Assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, as reflected on the Cure Notice and identified in identified in Addendum A, shall be satisfied, pursuant to section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, by payment of the Cure Claim in Cash on the Effective Date, subject to the limitations described in Article V.D of the Plan, or on such other terms as the parties to such Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases may otherwise agree. In the event of a dispute regarding (a) the amount of any payments to cure such a default, (b) the ability of the Wind-Down Debtors or any assignee, as applicable, to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed, or (c) any other matter pertaining to assumption, the cure payments

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Nothing contained in the Plan or the Plan Supplement shall constitute an admission by the Debtors that any contract or lease is in fact an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or that any Debtor has any liability thereunder. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or the GA Transaction Documents, the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and the Plan Administrator, as applicable, reserve the right to alter, amend, modify, or supplement the Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Schedule as identified in Article V of the Plan and in the Plan Supplement. The Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, shall provide notice of any amendments to the Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Schedule to the parties to the Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases affected thereby. For the avoidance of doubt, Article V of the Plan relates to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases other than such agreements assumed, assumed and assigned, or rejected in accordance with the terms of the Approval Orders.

required by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be made following the entry of a Final Order resolving the dispute and approving the assumption.<sup>4</sup>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT**, pursuant to Article V.C of the Plan, any objection by a counterparty to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to a proposed assumption or assumption and assignment or related cure amount must be Filed, served, and actually received by the Debtors by no later than fourteen (14) days after actual receipt of this Notice, *provided* that, if the Debtors modify the Assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease List, any party affected by such modifications shall have fourteen (14) days to object to the proposed modified treatment from the date of their receipt of notice of such modification.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT any counterparty to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that fails to object timely to the proposed assumption, assumption and assignment, or cure amount will be deemed to have assented to such assumption, assumption and assignment, or cure amount.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ASSUMPTION OR ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ANY EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE PURSUANT TO THE PLAN OR OTHERWISE SHALL RESULT IN THE FULL RELEASE AND SATISFACTION OF ANY CLAIMS OR DEFAULTS, WHETHER MONETARY OR NONMONETARY, INCLUDING DEFAULTS OF PROVISIONS RESTRICTING THE CHANGE IN CONTROL OR OWNERSHIP INTEREST COMPOSITION OR OTHER BANKRUPTCY-RELATED DEFAULTS, ARISING UNDER ANY ASSUMED OR ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE DATE OF THE DEBTORS OR WIND-DOWN DEBTORS ASSUME OR ASSUME AND ASSIGN SUCH EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE. ANY PROOFS OF CLAIM FILED WITH RESPECT TO AN EXECUTORY CONTRACT OR UNEXPIRED LEASE THAT HAS BEEN ASSUMED OR ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED SHALL BE DEEMED DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO OR ACTION, ORDER, OR APPROVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, the claims and noticing agent retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims and Noticing Agent"), by: (a) writing via first class mail, to JOANN Inc. (2025) Ballot Processing Center, c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, 850 Third Avenue, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232; (b) writing via electronic mail to JoannInfo@ra.kroll.com (with "Joann Inc. Solicitation Inquiry" in the subject line); or (c) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at (844) 712-2239 (U.S./Canada, toll-free) or +1 (646) 863-7121 (International, toll). You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases (i) for a fee via PACER at <a href="https://www.deb.uscourts.gov">https://www.deb.uscourts.gov</a> or (ii) at no charge from Kroll

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The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs.

Restructuring Administration LLC by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <a href="https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025">https://cases.ra.kroll.com/Joann2025</a>.

ARTICLE VIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE VIII.C CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE PLAN OR ABOUT ANYTHING STATED HEREIN OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT.

Dated: [●], 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

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